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2008 Legislative Priorities

As of April 28, 2008

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

AB 1819 - PRE-REGISTER TO VOTE: 16 YEAR OLDS (ASSEMBLY MEMBER CURREN PRICE)

Allow 16 year olds to pre-register as voters in all 58 California counties.

EDUCATION

AB 2396 - CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (ASSEMBLY MEMBER WILMER AMINA CARTER)

Expands existing law by providing that students engaged in qualified leadership and civic engagement activities will receive credit for their work.

HEALTH

AB 564 - SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS (SENATOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS)

This bill would provide direct resources to communities to support new and existing school health centers by establishing a school health center grant program to be administered by the Public School Health Center Support Program.

HOUSING

AB 2925 SUBSTANDARD BUILDING: NEW OWNERSHIP INTEREST (ASSEMBLY MEMBER MIKE DAVIS)

This bill requires a person with an ownership interest in a property that is uninhabitable or otherwise found to be in substandard condition to provide the local enforcement agency with contact information and a plan of correction on an annual basis. The bill would also authorize the enforcement agency to impose a fee in an amount sufficient to cover its costs for processing the submitted information.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AB 2423 - BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT FOR THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED (ASSEMBLY MEMBER KAREN BASS)

This bill would remove barriers to licensure for ex-offenders for those professional trades offered in state correctional facilities such as Automotive Repair.

SB 765 – CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR URBAN COMMUNITIES (SENATOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER KAREN BASS)

This bill creates the “California Partnership for Urban Communities” (a collaboration among state agencies, local governments, community-based organizations and the private sector) for the purpose of identifying, accessing and coordinating delivery of public and private resources to at-risk urban communities within the state’s largest metropolitan areas.

PUBLIC SAFETY

AB 499 - Sexually Exploited Minors Pilot Project (ASSEMBLY MEMBER SANDRÉ SWANSON)

This bill would create a pilot project, in effect until January 1, 2012, which may be implemented within the County of Alameda, contingent upon local funding, for the purposes of creating, implementing, and delivering a standardized training curriculum that will provide training for certain county employees on the sexual exploitation of minors in Alameda County.

SB 1591 – EYE WITNESS PROTECTION REFORM (SENATOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS)

This bill will establish a process requiring the Department of Justice to develop guidelines for policies and procedures with respect to the collection and handling of eyewitness evidence in criminal investigations by law enforcement agencies operating in California.